SHERMAN SKOLNICK

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Skolnick, aide missing

Legal researcher Sherman H. Skolnick, the head of the Citizens Committee to Clean Up the Courts, was reported missing Monday.

The controversial Skolnick, who initiated legal actions that led to reapportionments and resignations of Illinois Supreme Court justices, was reported missing by an aide.

Leland Cole, 23, the assistant, said Skolnick had his files with him and was on his way to a meeting downtown on the Watergate hotel bugging case. Skolnick was investigating possible links between the Watergate matter and the crash of a plane at Midway Airport last December.

Cole said he waited by the telephone until 10 a.m. before reporting Skolnick missing. Skolnick was driven from his home at 9800 S. Oglesby by a chauffeur, David Hoffman, who also is considered missing by the organization. Police said they were investigating